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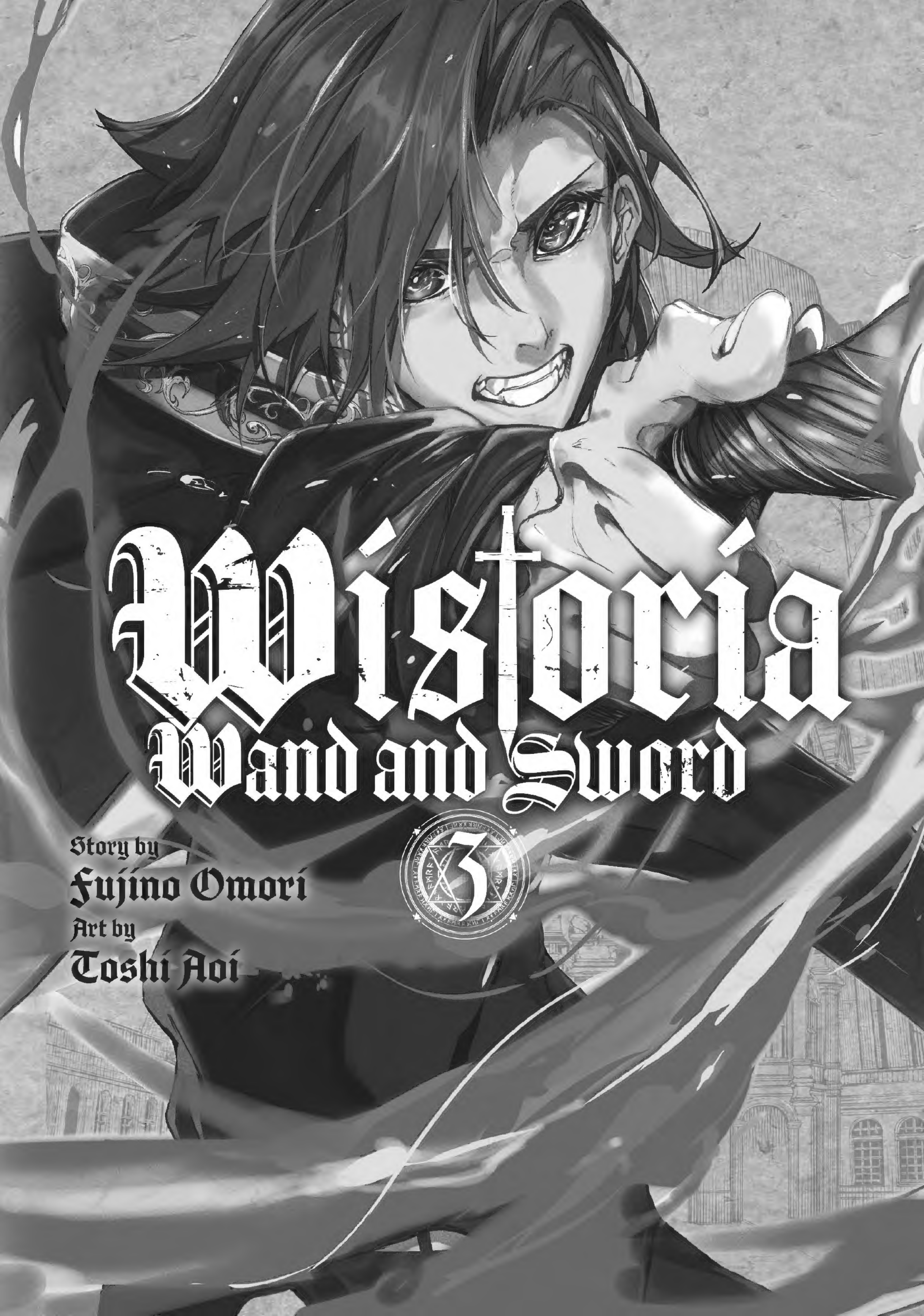
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IS NOW A GOOD TIME, LADY ELFARIA?
CLACK
CLACK

スパァン
THWACK

Eep! びゃん

WAKE UP.

...ZZZ.

...OW, SARISSA.

ウ3 SOB
ウ3 SOB

THAT HURT.

THEN I SUGGEST YOU START ACTING LIKE A MAGIA VANDER. YOU SPEND ALL DAY SLEEPING OR LOOKING OUT OF YOUR WINDOW.

That innocent face isn't fooling anyone. You'd best start taking this seriously.

Sarissa Alfeld
Ice Faction Aide

THESE ARE THE CANDIDATES THAT OUR SCOUTS RECOMMENDED.

SST Z...

KINDLY LOOK OVER THESE MATERIALS.

ONE IN PARTICULAR SEEMS LIKE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE ICE FACTION.

YES. WE HAVE A FINE CROP OF STUDENTS THIS YEAR.

CANDIDATES?

HIS NAME IS JULIUS REINBERG.

HE'S PUTTING ON QUITE THE PERFORMANCE AT THE FESTIVAL AS WE SPEAK. HE MAY EVEN BECOME YOUR SUCCESSOR...

...LADY ELFARIA.

ROOOAR
It's almost time for the big finale, folks!
Whoever claims the crown sitting on the podium will win the glory!
And right now, Will Serfort of Squad 6 is facing all three members of Squad 9!

I WAS WORRIED WE'D WIN WITHOUT SETTLING THINGS BETWEEN US.

KRAK

KRIK

SO YOU MADE IT, FLUNKEE.

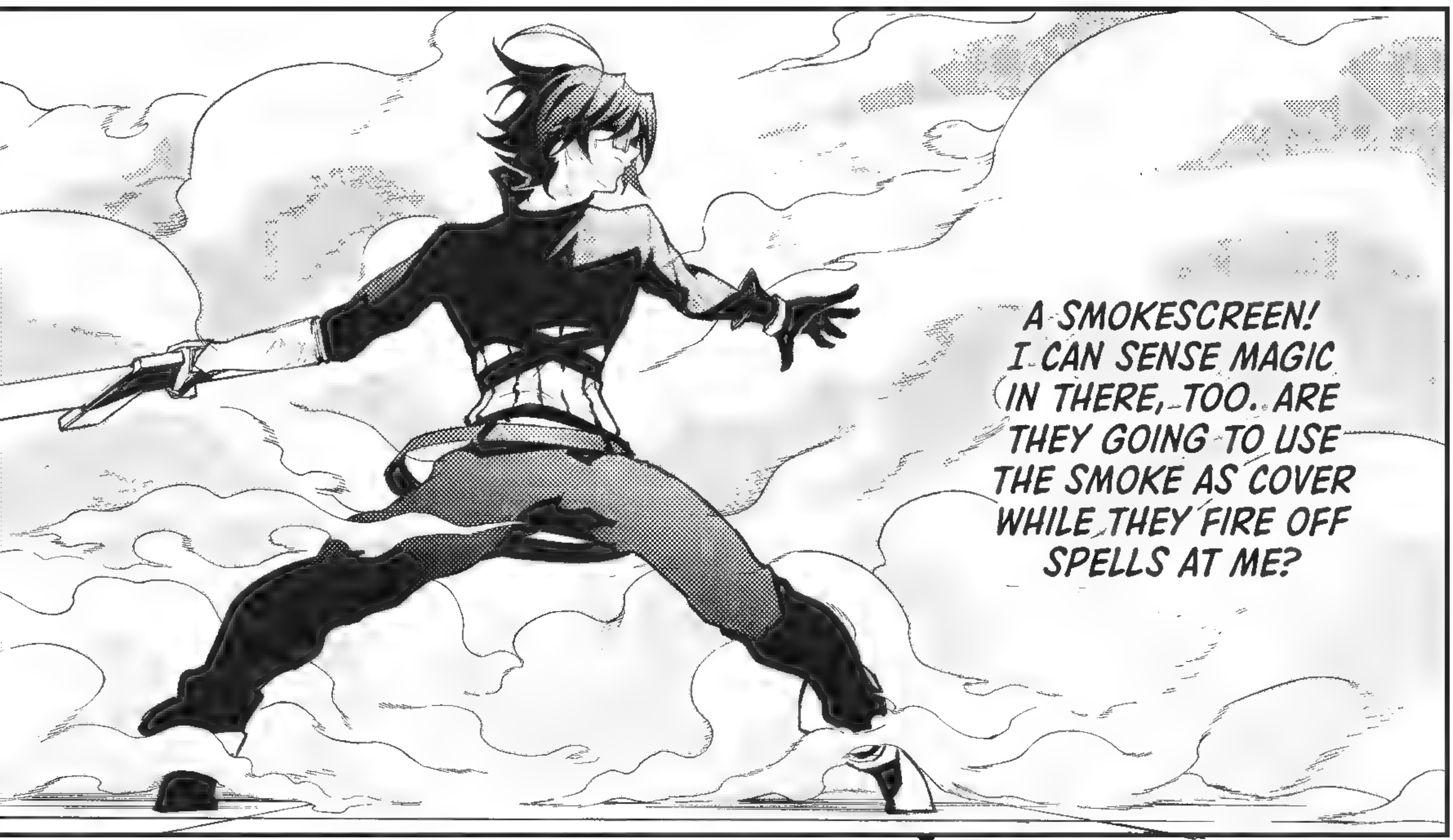
IT WOULDN'T BE NEARLY AS SATISFYING IF WE CRUSHED YOUR TEAM WITHOUT HUMILIATING YOU FIRST.

DON'T WORRY, JULIUS.

I DON'T PLAN ON LOSING TO YOU BEFORE YOU APOLOGIZE TO DONNAN AND HIS FRIENDS.

FROM HERE ON OUT...
AAA
AAA
AHH
SWISH
THAT'S BIG TALK FOR A WORTHLESS NO-TALENT!
SNAP
...YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE MOUSE FOR ME TO TOY WITH!

BOOOOM


A SMOKESCREEN! I CAN SENSE MAGIC IN THERE, TOO. ARE THEY GOING TO USE THE SMOKE AS COVER WHILE THEY FIRE OFF SPELLS AT ME?

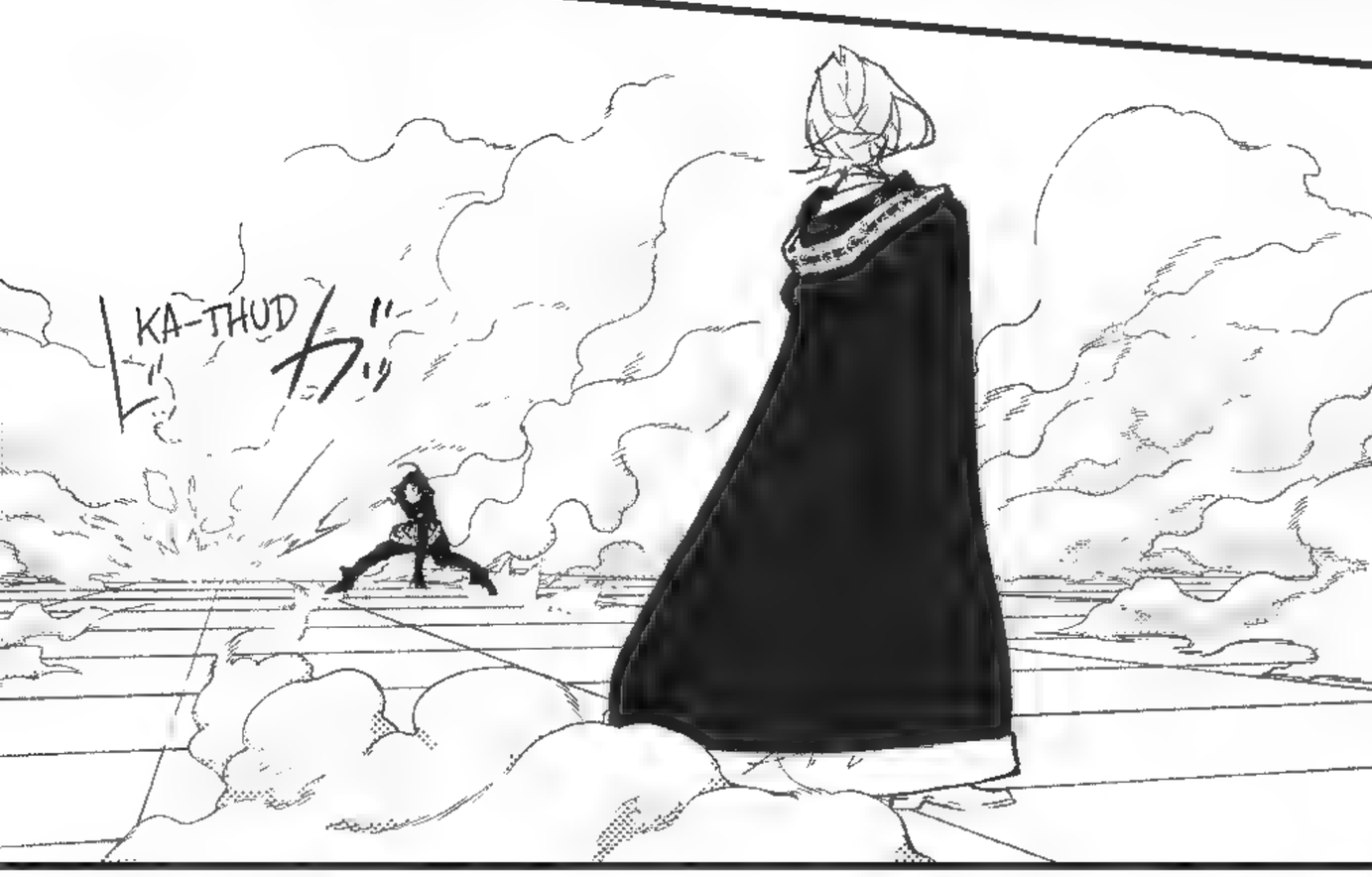
ZSH
ZSH
ZSSH
THEY'RE TRYING TO SURROUND ME!
I HEAR FOOTSTEPS... THEY'RE MOVING!
ZSSSH
ZSSSH
NO.
!

FWOOM
IF I DON'T KEEP MOVING, I'M DONE FOR!
BAM

I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE THEM, BUT I CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY ARE BASED ON WHERE THEIR SPELLS ARE COMING FROM!
AND THERE'S THE THIRD!
FWOOM
THERE GOES THE SECOND VOLLEY!
AND NOW I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!
I DODGED ALL THREE OF THEM!

HE'S MINE!

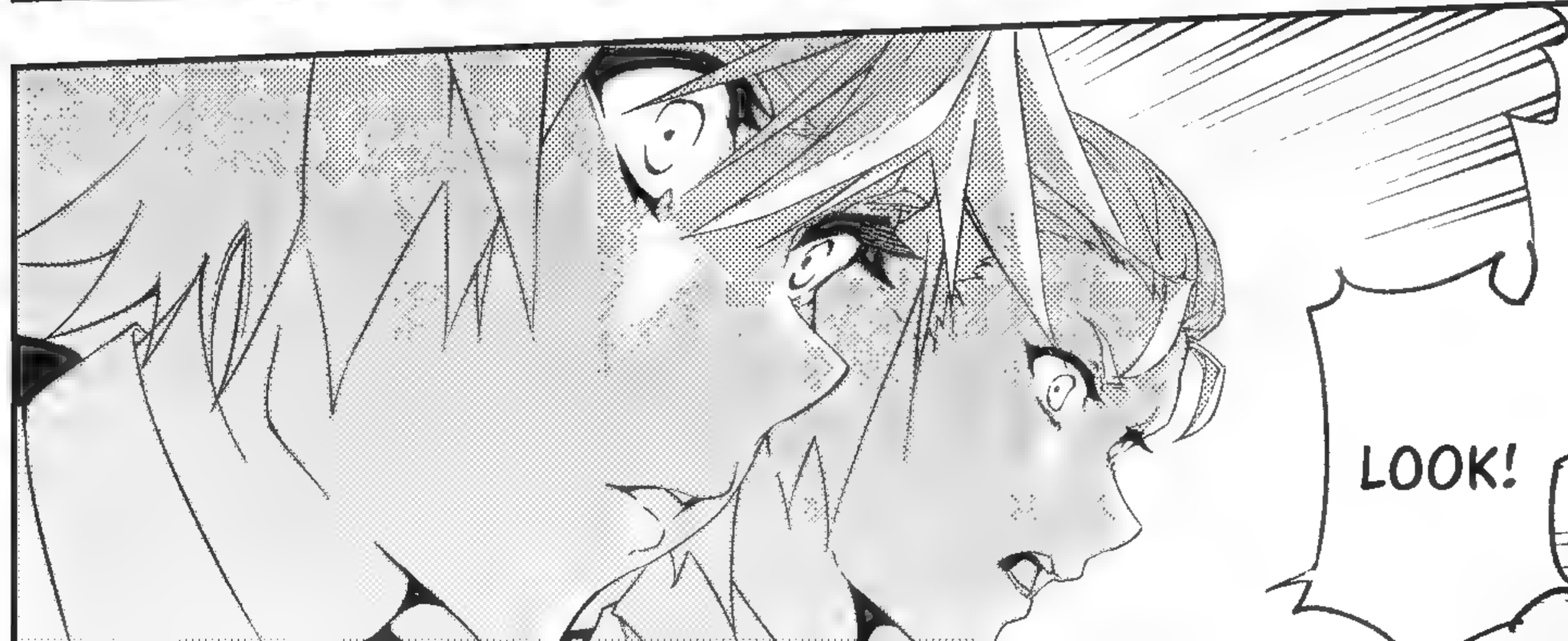
WHA?!


KA-THUD

A FOURTH VOLLEY?!

WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING AROUND FOR, FLUNKEE?

WE'VE BEEN RIGHT HERE THIS WHOLE TIME.



NO, FIVE?!
THERE ARE FOUR JULIUSES...
ILLUSION MAGIC?!
NO. IT'S NOT THAT!
COULD HE BE USING...

OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION...

...*THAT* ME EXPLODES.

EISPLOSION.

SWISH

FLASH

OOOOM
BOOOOO
WILL?!

Will Serfort is frozen in place after getting caught in that icy blast!
But never mind him! What kind of spell was *that*?!

I'D KNOW THAT MAGIC ANYWHERE.

EL GLACE FROSSE!
A SERIAL MAGIC NAMED AFTER ELFARIA...
...TO RECOGNIZE HER TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT IN INVENTING TWELVE ORIGINAL SPELLS.

A DUPLICATION SPELL THAT CREATES LIVING ICE SCULPTURES OF THE CASTER!

EL ONE: ARS WEISS!

AND HE'S USING ONE OF THE SPELLS FROM THAT SERIES.

HOW DO YOU KNOW ELFIE'S SPELL?!

Heh heh heh

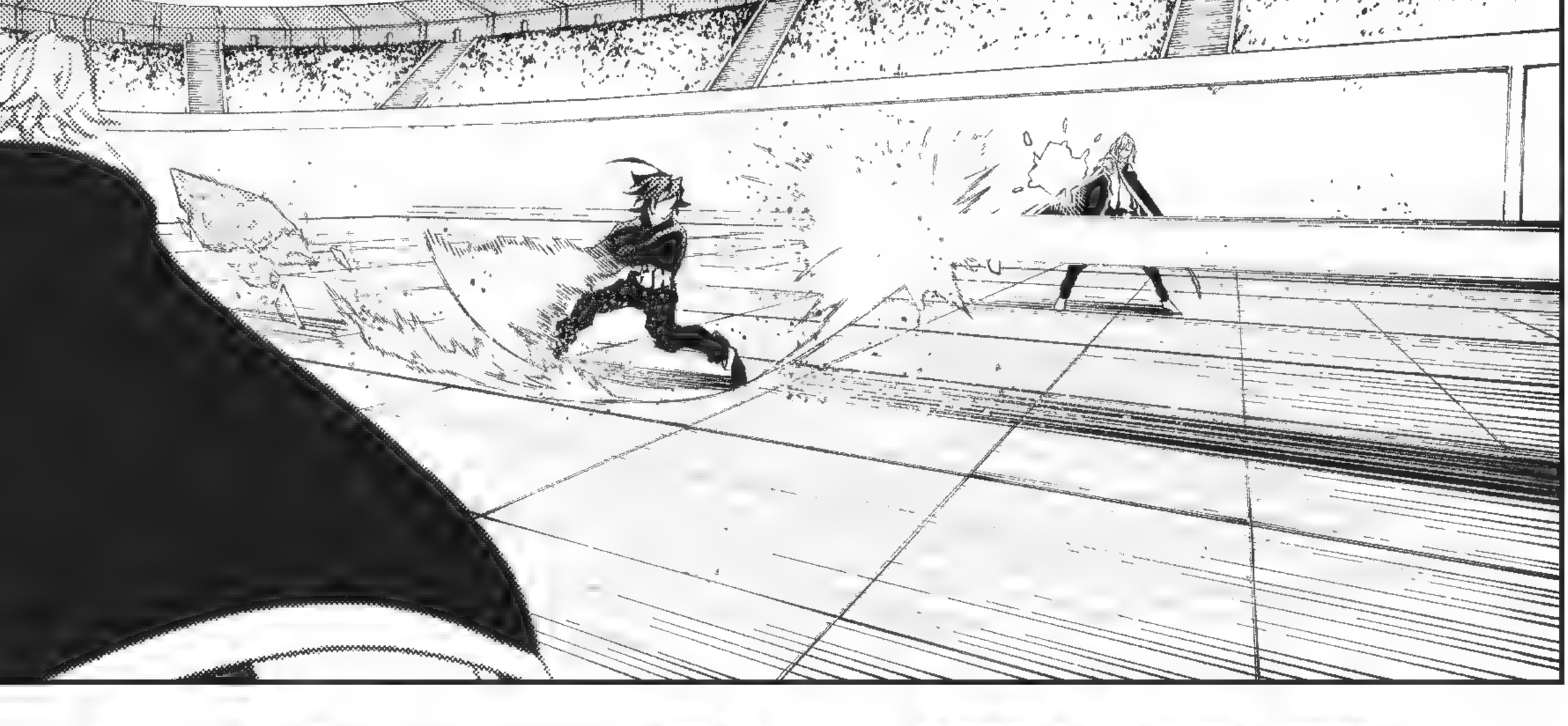
WHAT OTHER REASON DO I NEED?

I'M JUST THAT GOOD.

I LEARNED HOW TO USE THIS SPELL ALL ON MY OWN. IT MAY ONLY BE A PART OF THE SERIES, BUT I'M ALREADY ON PAR WITH THE MAGIA VANDER!

I GUESS THE ICEMAIDEN ISN'T SO SPECIAL AFTER ALL...
SOMEDAY, I'LL STRIP HER BARE OF ALL HER SECRETS!
KRAK

CRASH
ぶしぃぃぃぃぃぃぃぃ!!



MY CLONES DO WHATEVER I TELL THEM. THEY CAN EVEN USE MAGIC...

Hngh!

AND...

ZSH

BZZZ
WHAT?!
THEY'VE STOPPED FIRING AT M—
BOOM

A REMOTE CIRCLE?! HE MADE A FORCE FIELD USING HIS CLONES AS ANCHOR POINTS?!

PLINK

I CAN'T GET OUT!

NOTHING'S EASIER TO TRAP THAN A WILD ANIMAL ON A RAMPAGE.

XELUNEA CAULIS!
IT'S OVER.

WHAM

ROOOOAR

This guy is good! *Too* good!

IT'S CERTAINLY NO FLUKE...

...THAT JULIUS REINBERG EARNED OVER 10,000 CREDITS.

"Win the battle without taking a single step."

When it comes to basic strategy, that is the ideal for any mage.

Are you watching, Tower scouts?!
...I've mastered the Ice-maiden's secrets. My ice magic is flawless!
As you can see...
I, Julius Reinberg, will be the successor to Lady Elfaria!

WOOO

WOOO

THAT'S INCRED-IBLE.
NOBODY CAN BEAT THAT.
MRMR
HE CAN USE LADY ELFARIA'S SPELL...
MRMR

HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF WILL'S UNGODLY SPEED TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK GOOD... WELL, HE'S CLEVER. I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.
IT'S ALL JUST A WELL CALCULATED PERFORMANCE.

KRAK

WHAT?!

SHOOOOM
HOW DID HE BREAK FREE?!
?!
THANK YOU, JULIUS.

THAT SPELL HELPED ME COOL OFF A LITTLE.

CLANK

I TEND TO GET WORKED UP WHEN IT COMES TO ELFIE...

IT'S A BAD HABIT OF MINE.

WHAT THE HELL...

...ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?!

THIS TIME, I REALLY WILL MAKE A FOOL OF YOU!
BOOOOOOM

FIRST OF ALL, YOUR ARS WEISS IS FAR FROM PERFECT.
HUH?

CLATTER
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
HE HID HIMSELF IN THE FIRST VOLLEY.
AS SOON AS HE WAS OUTSIDE THEIR FIELD OF VISION, HE BROUGHT HIS BLADE DOWN HARD FROM OVERHEAD.

Will Serfort...

...just took out two members of Squad 9!

What was that?!

ROOOAR

KRAK

SNAA

SHA

KAP

WHOA, LOOK.

JULIUS'S CLONES ARE FALLING APART...

Huhhh?! Now what?

KRRK

KRRK

KRRK

YOU HAD YOUR FRIENDS AMPLIFY YOUR OWN MAGIC. THAT'S HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR CLONES.

YOU CAN USE ELFIE'S SPELL, BUT YOU HAVEN'T MASTERED IT.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN *CLOSE* TO BEING AS GOOD AS HER!
WHY, YOU LITTLE ...!

SARISSA...

...I DON'T WANT A SUCCESSOR.

WHAT?

WHAT I WANT BY MY SIDE...
...IS A SWORD.

Chapter 10: Festival Finale

Roo
And Julius Reinberg's clones are crumbling!
Ooo
Will Serfort has taken down two members of Squad 9!
Krik
Krak
Oar
Ooo
GUARDIANS ARE AUTONOMOUS, BUT ARS WEISS CLONES ARE CONTROLLED COMPLETELY BY THE CASTER.
YOUR TEAMMATES WERE HELPING YOU MANEUVER YOUR CLONES.

YOU HAVEN'T MASTERED ARS WEISS.

GRRR

POP

POP

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THAT, WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN CAST A SINGLE SPELL?!

SWISH
WHO ARE YOU TO LECTURE ME, NO-TALENT?!
BOOOOM

YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM RUNNING THAT BIG MOUTH!
HOW ABOUT SOME ICE TO COOL YOU DOWN?!

WHOOSH
BOOOM
...BUT HE'S RIGHT. I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO CONTROL ALL FOUR CLONES AT ONCE YET.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT...

THAT NO-TALENT WILL NEVER KNOW WHICH ONE IS THE REAL ME!
STILL, THOUGH!
GLANCE
MY CLONES ARE JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS I AM!
MY DISGUISE IS FLAWLESS!
...HAND-SOME...
THEY'RE PERFECTLY PROPORTIONED...
...AND TOTALLY UNIQUE!

ZOOM

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN TELL US APA—

WHSH

WHA—

F—

FRALL!!
BAM
SHOOOM

KRAK

WHAM

UGH!

BOOM

POW

S-K-R-R-R-R-K

H-HOW... DID YOU KNOW WHICH ONE WAS ME?!

Grr

KOFF

THE AVERAGE BODY TEMPERATURE OF AN ARS WEISS CLONE IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE CASTER'S... 98 OR 99 DEGREES ***BELOW*** ZERO.

IT CAN BE EVEN LOWER DEPENDING ON HOW THE SPELL IS CAST.

IF THE CASTER ISN'T COMPLETELY IN CONTROL, SOME OF THE COLD SEEPS OUT OF THE CLONES... AND, LIKE WITH FROST WALKERS, ICE CRYSTALS FORM AROUND THEIR FEET.

PLINK

PLINK

...HOW?

HOW COULD A NO-TALENT LIKE YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS SPELL THAN I DO?!

TELL ME, DAMN IT!

BECAUSE ELFIE... ***ELFARIA*** AND I WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

WE WERE BOTH ABANDONED AS CHILDREN, AND WE GREW UP IN THE SAME ORPHANAGE.

I WANTED TO BE LIKE HER.

I STUDIED AS HARD AS I COULD...

SO I KNOW A LOT ABOUT ELFARIA'S MAGIC...

...BUT I COULD NEVER REACH HER LEVEL.

CLANK

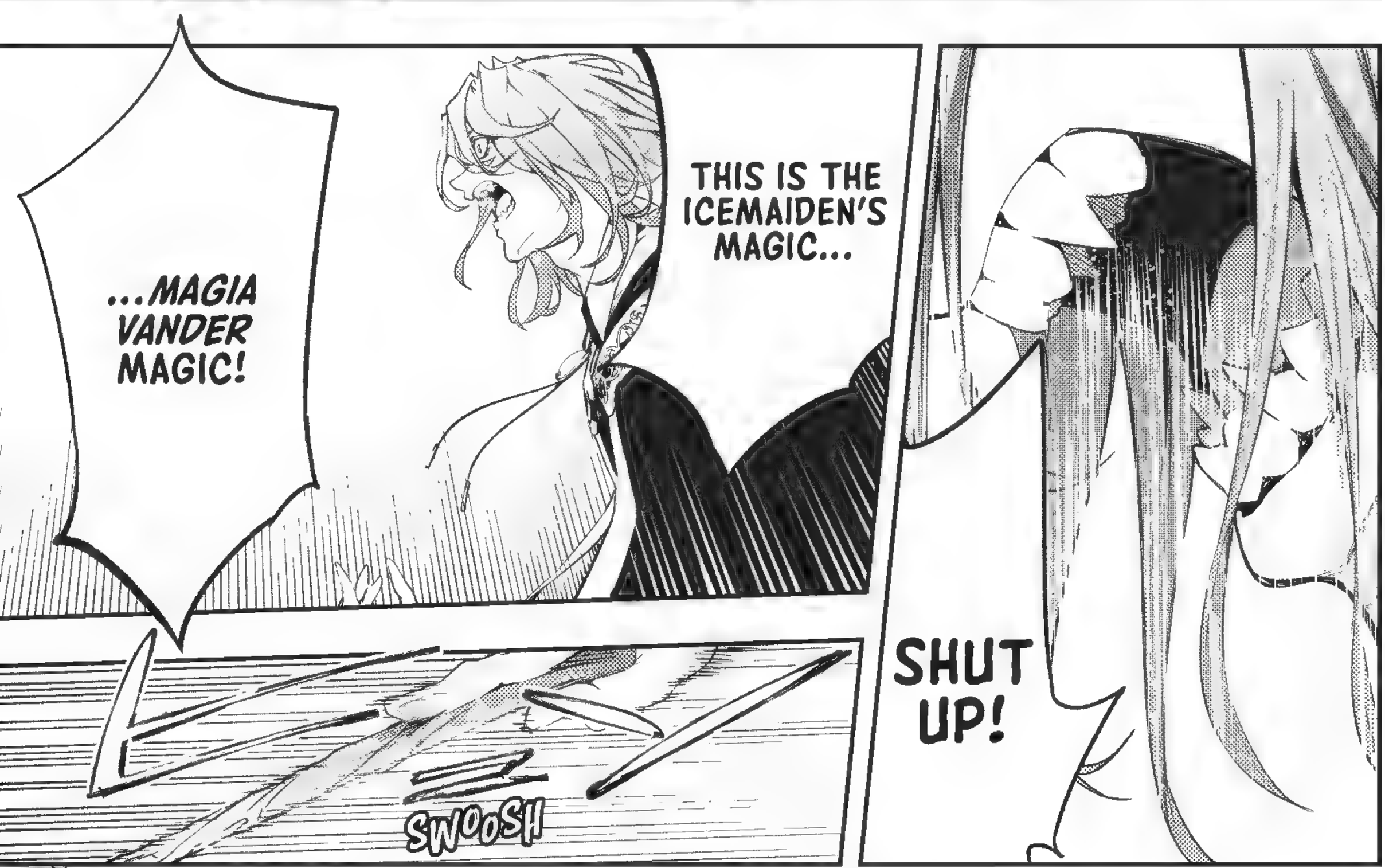
...DON'T WORRY.

...AND YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD...

WE HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES TOGETHER...

I KNOW IT WASN'T FOR NOTHING.

...AND THAT, JULIUS, IS WHY I KNOW ALL THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF ELFIE'S MAGIC.



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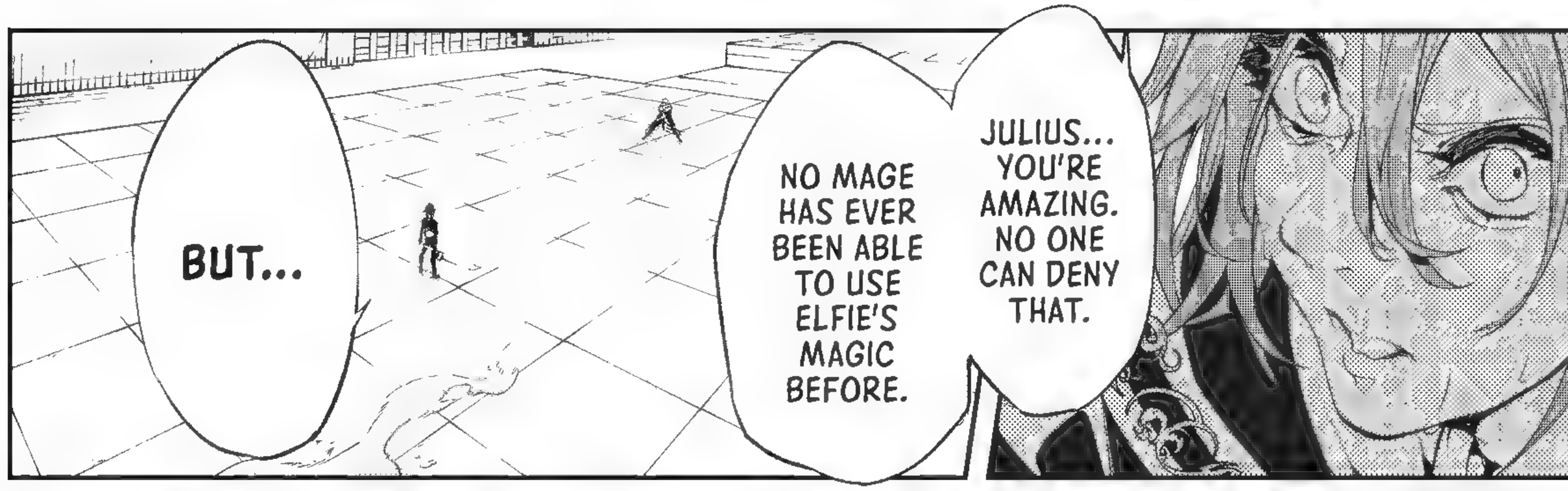
BUT...
NO MAGE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO USE ELFIE'S MAGIC BEFORE.
JULIUS... YOU'RE AMAZING. NO ONE CAN DENY THAT.

...ARS WEISS IS A SPELL THAT ELFIE CAME UP WITH WHEN SHE WAS TWO YEARS OLD.

TWO YEARS OLD...?

MRMR

HM...

HM...

MRMR

WHAT?

PUFFED-UP EMPEROR?!

WHO SAYS THAT?!

NO, NEVER MIND.

TWO YEARS OLD?!

SHE WAS JUST AN INFANT?!

USING THAT TO BRAG ABOUT HOW INCREDIBLE YOU ARE MAKES YOU NO BETTER...

SO IT'S NOT PERFECT, AND IT CAN BE BEATEN.

...THAN A PUFFED-UP EMPEROR IN HIS *NEW CLOTHES!*

I WAS SO PROUD OF MYSELF...
...FOR LEARNING THIS SPELL.
BUT I'M NO BETTER THAN AN INFANT?!

YOU SHUT YOUR DAMN MOUTH!

HA HA HA.

HEH HEH HEH.

HA

HA

HA

AH

HA

PHEEEEW

BOO
OO
OOM
BOO
OO
OO
OOM

He's made even more clones! Now there are five, six, seven...

...*eight* Juliuses in the arena!

I don't believe what I'm seeing!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HA HA HA HA!

WHOOSH

DID YOU THINK FOUR WAS THE BEST I COULD DO? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

I'LL BEAT YOU WITH SHEER NUMBERS!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I CAN'T CONTROL THEM ALL!

THIS TIME, YOU'VE LOST!

SORRY, JULIUS...

...BUT I USED TO GET PICKED ON ALL THE TIME BY *TEN* ELFIES.

ブギッ

HRNGH!

GLACIER!
BOOM
!!
!!

THNK

SHING
S-STOP HIM!
WHOOSH

FWAM
WHAM
SHOOM
WHOOSH

THUD
WAIT...
...WHAT ARE YOU–

In a shocking twist, an elite student with more than 10,000 credits has just been defeated by a no-talent!
ROOAR
Will Serfort delivers a crushing blow!
ROOAR
WHRRR
SIGH.
ROOAR
MROW!
TWITCH
TWITCH

ROOAR
It's hard to believe, but Will Serfort now has a clear path to the crown!
ROOAR
ROOAR
HUFF
HUFF
ROOAR
All he has to do is walk over there and pick it up!
...WILL SERFORT.

MURMUR

MURMUR

?!

REALLY, NOW...

WHILE YOU TWO WERE BUSY DUELING, I WENT AHEAD AND HELPED MYSELF TO THE CROWN.

DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW THIS GAME WORKS?

BAM

CHA-CHING

CHA-CHING

HMPH

Whaaaa?!
How long have they been standing there?!
The twists just keep on coming!
And the winner of Crown Attack is...

Woo
...Squad 12, led by Wignall Lindor!

THEY'RE CHEERING...

WOO

IT SEEMS CROWN ATTACK HAS ENDED.

...SA-RISSA.

SQUEEZE

IS THERE A SPELL THAT LETS YOU GO BACK IN TIME?

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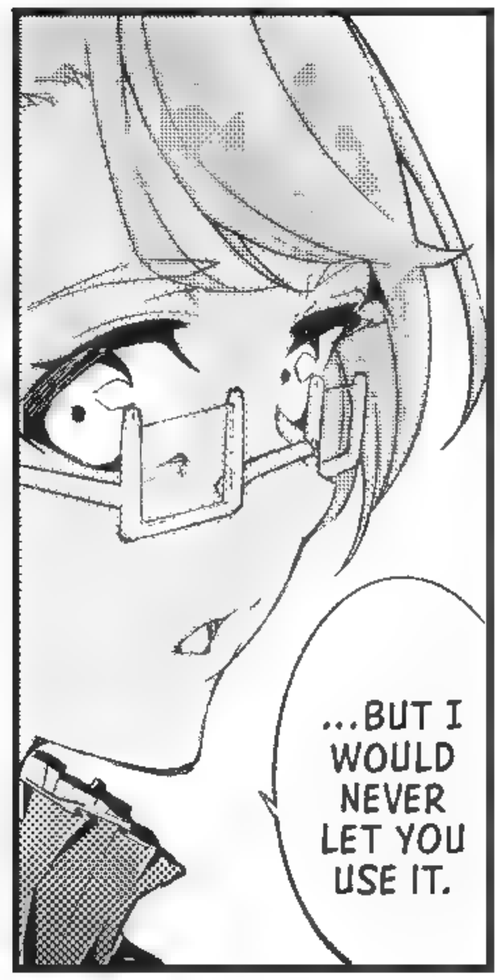
JOLT


...BUT I WOULD NEVER LET YOU USE IT.

THERE MAY BE SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT AMONG THE FORBIDDEN ARTS...
HOW ABOUT A SPELL TO ERASE A MEMORY?
...NO. THERE IS NO SUCH SPELL.

おぁぁぁぁ
BLUUUUSH
I JUST WANTED YOU ALL TO MYSELF SO WE COULD PLAY TOGETHER ALL THE TIME!
はわっ
EEEEK
はわっ
EEEEK
YOU'RE WRONG, WILL! I WASN'T PICKING ON YOU!

...

Now all the students know about my dark past...

WOO

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HUFF!?

!?

HUFF

WILL!

GRR

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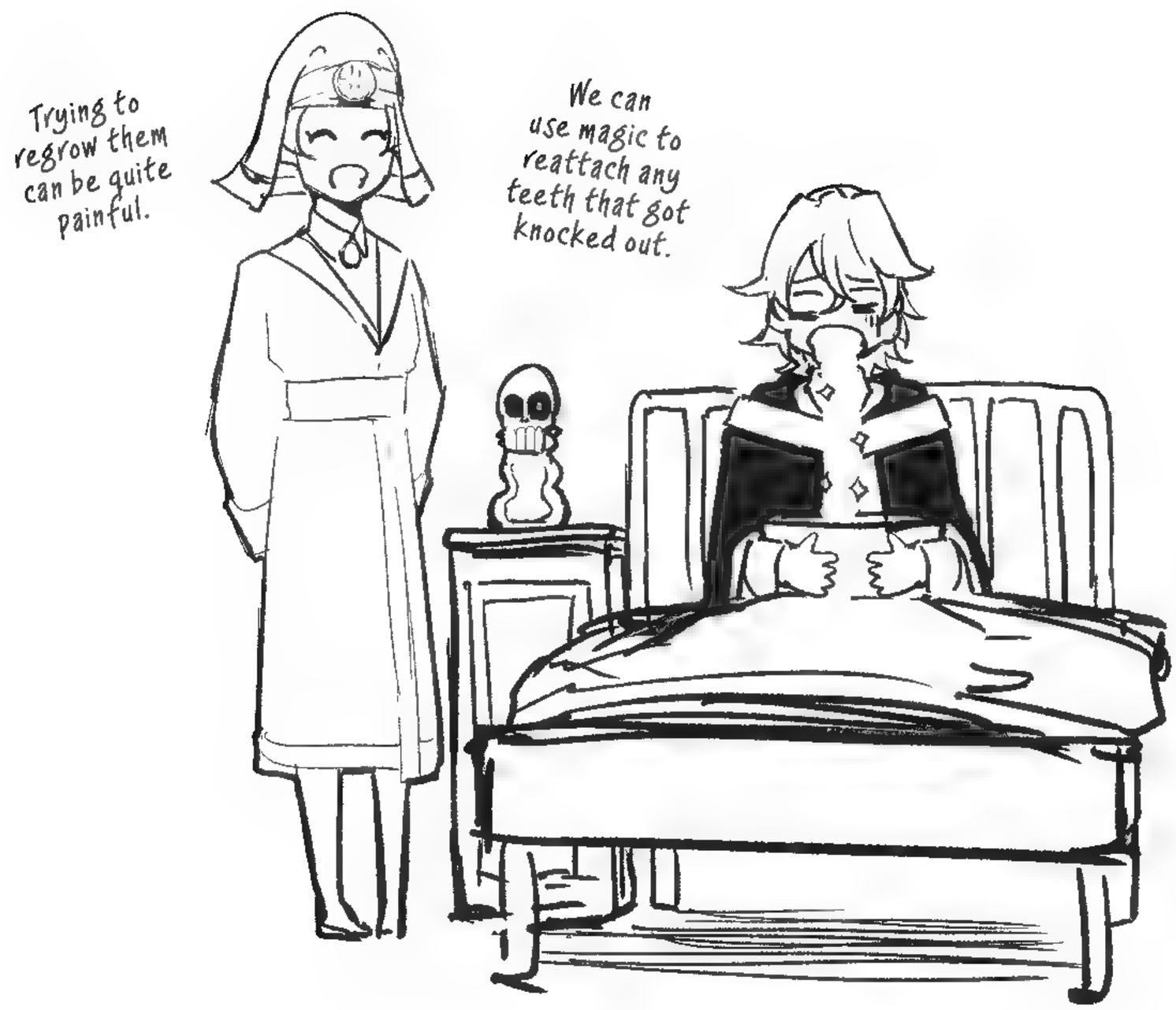
Trying to regrow them can be quite painful.
We can use magic to reattach any teeth that got knocked out.

FWIP
THEN HERE'S TO WILL, WHO FOUGHT FOR US...AND WON!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE GOT A DRINK?
RA
AA
AA
AA
CHEERS!
AA
AH

GA HA HA!

Thanks, Will!

Well done!

AWKWARD...

You weren't half bad, yourself.

Thanks for always helping Will out.

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

GLUG

DID YOU GET SCOUTED BY THOSE TOWER FOLK, WILL?

SO?

HAAAH

SIGH...

THAT WAS NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN...

UGH, THIS IS ALL SION'S FAULT!

Arrrrgh!

FIRST HE FELL OUT WITH A TEAMMATE, AND THEN HE DIDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO WIN THE EVENT!

...go with you?

Why would I...

I INVITED HIM, BUT HE JUST SAID, "WHO WOULD WANT TO GO TO *YOUR* STUPID PARTY?"

SO? WHERE *IS* YOUR OTHER TEAMMATE, ANYWAY?

WELL, WHO CARES! YOU WON *YOUR* DUEL, AND WE GOT OUR APOLOGY.
SQUEEZE
GRAB
NOT TO MENTION...
WHYYYYY?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO WORK AT THIS STUPID DWARF TAVERN?!
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB

The goulard bean sauté is ready!

Hurry up, now! Don't take all day with those dishes!

Y-yes, ma'am!

US DWARVES HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT FOR AN APOLOGY TO REALLY COUNT, YOU'VE GOT TO BACK YOUR WORDS WITH ACTIONS! AND WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE SHORT-STAFFED!

HMPH フン

HEH クス

NOW I WON'T GET SCOUTED BECAUSE I LOST TO THAT WORTHLESS NO-TALENT! DAMN IT AAAAAAALL!

Don't drop 'em, boy!

バビュン ZOOM

ANYWAY, I'M MORE CONCERNED THAT WILL ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT AND MADE SUCH A SPECTACLE OF HIMSELF. THINGS ARE GOING TO GET INTERESTING TOMORROW.

I DIDN'T PUT A STOP TO IT EARLIER, SO NOW THAT IT'S ALREADY STARTED...

PROFESSOR WORKNER, ARE WE IN TROUBLE FOR HAVING A PARTY?

OH DEAR...

BUT WON'T PEOPLE THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HIM NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN WHAT HE CAN REALLY DO...?

...?

LET'S HOPE THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT COMES OF THIS.

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU, WILL...

Chapter 11: Shall We Date?

NO, NOT EVEN CLOSE.

YOU GOT YOUR PARTY YET?

A WHOLE WEEK OF DUNGEON DIVING, HUH...

ALMOST TIME FOR THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS...

GONG

GONG

IMAGINE BEING IN A PARTY WITH THE YEAR'S TOP THREE...

!

H-HEY! FLUNKEE!

YOU GONNA DO THE PRAXIS WITH US OR WHAT?

HUH?

...

YOU'RE RIDICULOUSLY STRONG... THERE, WE ADMIT IT!

SO GO TO THE DUNGEON WITH US!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! WE SAW HIM FIRST!

YAP

YAP

YAP

YAP

WE SAW YOUR DUEL AT THE MAGIC FESTIVAL. WANNA JOIN OUR PARTY?!

STAY OUT OF THIS, EMMA!

WE WERE ALREADY PLANNING ON ASKING THE BOOK LEARNER!

WHOA, HANG ON! WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THIS YET!

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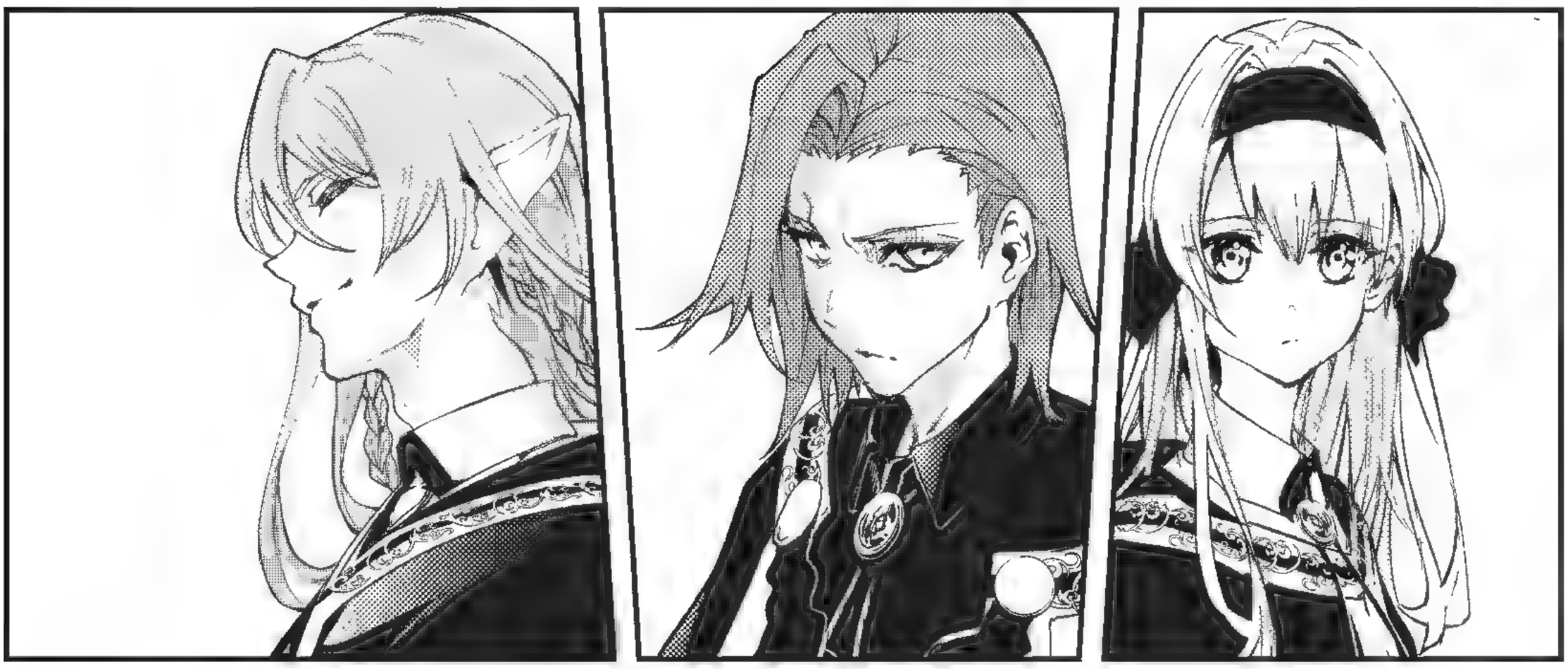
CHATTER
わちゃ
CHATTER



BAM

YOU EXPECT WILL TO HELP YOU, WHEN ALL YOU USED TO DO IS LAUGH AT HIM?!

IS THIS WHAT PROFESSOR WORKNER MEANT?

W-WAIT!

WILL'S ANGRY, TOO!

LOOK!

UHH...

COLETTE, THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THEY'RE ASKING ME TO JOIN THEIR PARTIES? DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE... *FRIENDS?!*

OH, NO! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT, SEEING HOW FRIEND-DEPRIVED HE IS!

GRAB!
WE'RE GOING SHOPPING TOGETHER!
WILL HAS PLANS WITH *ME* TOMORROW!
...HUHHH?

AHHHHH!!

FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL

NOW IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON A D... A D...!

WHAT HAVE I DONE?! WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

I-IT'S NOT A DATE...

WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU GOING ON A DATE TOMORROW?

The whole school's talking about it.

TMP TMP

...OKAY, ROSE?!

Here. Careful, it's hot.

Thanks...

SURE, IF YOU SAY SO.

THMP

YEAH...

I DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE I THREW SOMETHING TOGETHER.

THMP

ほか STEAM

STEAM ほか

BUT YOU *ARE* GOING SHOPPING WITH HIM, RIGHT? YOU SHOULD PICK OUT SOMETHING CUTE FOR TOMORROW.

EXACTLY! AND IF YOU DRESS UP NICE FOR HIM, IT REALLY WILL TURN INTO A DATE!

HEE HEE HEE!

WE HAVE THE DAY OFF TOMORROW. ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE DUNGEON?

UH, NO...

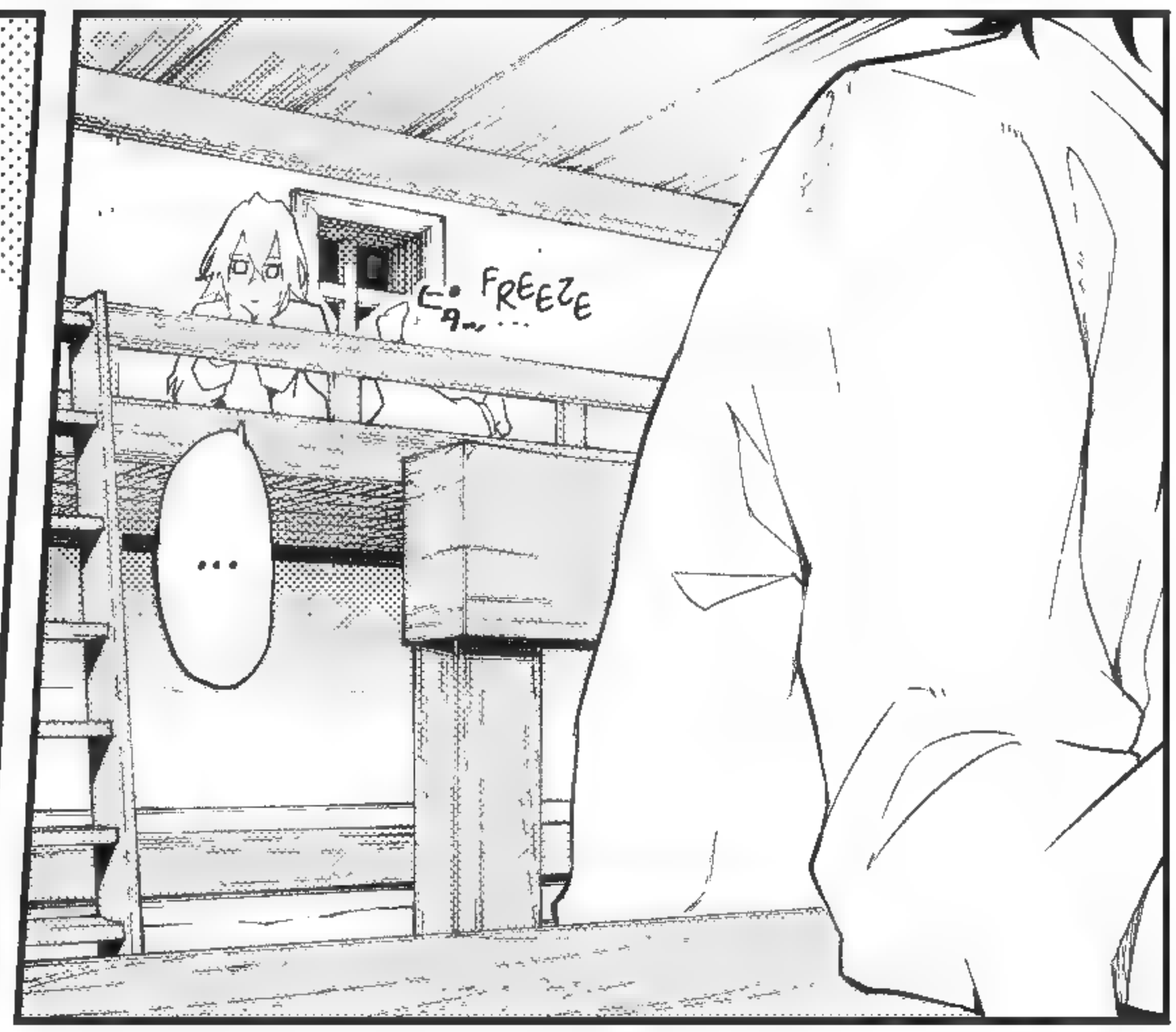
TURNS OUT I'M GOING SHOPPING TOMOR-ROW.

SHOPPING?

I KIND OF FEEL LIKE I GOT TALKED INTO IT...BUT SHE'S RIGHT, I DO NEED TO GO SHOPPING...

Y-YOU KNOW, BECAUSE THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS IS COMING UP! WE'LL NEED TO GET EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS!

YEAH.



CHIRP
CHIRP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
THMP
IS IT A DATE? IT IS, ISN'T IT...? I'LL MAKE IT A DATE!
...MAYBE THIS IS A DATE.
CLENCH
THMP
THMP

FWOOM
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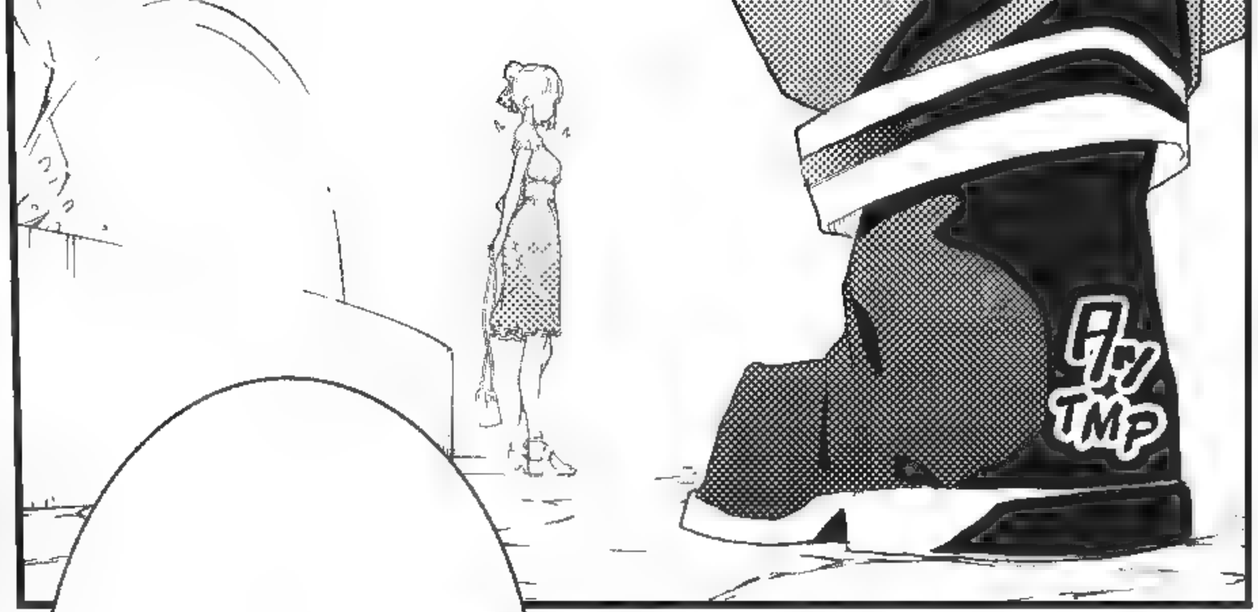
I TRIED TO GET HERE EARLY, BUT I GUESS YOU BEAT ME.

Y-YEAH! I JUST HAPPENED TO BE AWAKE, SO...!



THAT DRESS LOOKS GOOD ON YOU! THE HAIRSTYLE, TOO!

I ALWAYS SEE YOU IN YOUR SCHOOL ROBES, SO THIS FEELS KIND OF SPECIAL!

THMP

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ドキ

THMP

OH, UH... THANK YOU...

FLAP パタ FLAP パタ FLAP パタ FLAP パタ FLAP

SORRY I'M LATE! I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF A FEW THINGS.

Auu TMP Auu TMP Auu TMP

MORNING, WILL! AND YOU, COLETTE!

WHO ARE...?

?

I'M WILL'S ROOMMATE, ROSTI NAUMAN. I GUESS I'VE NEVER PROPERLY INTRODUCED MYSELF, HUH?

ROSTI SAID HE WANTED TO COME ALONG. HE WOULDN'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER...

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

SWIV

SWIV

SWIV

SWIV

SHOPPING'S MORE FUN IN A GROUP. DON'T YOU THINK?

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY, COLETTE.

BUT ANYWAY...

SSTTL

SQUEEZE

ACK! HOLD ON, ROSTI!

...WE'D BETTER GET GOING! WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BUY!

SSTTL

WH-WHAAA?!

BUT WHY ARE THEY HOLDING HANDS?!

THEY'RE JUST FRIENDS, RIGHT?

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HMPH

HUHHHHH?!

NYAH!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

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SOB
SOB
...WHAT IS *WITH* YOUR FRIEND?!
COLETTE...? WHAT'S WRONG?
GAH!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ROSTI'S A BOY, JUST LIKE ME. TRUST ME, I WOULD KNOW.

HE'S BEEN STUCK TO YOU THIS WHOLE TIME! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU TWO, ANYWAY?! IS HE REALLY JUST YOUR ROOMMATE?! HIS FACE IS AWFULLY PRETTY... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME THAT HE'S ACTUALLY A GIRL, ARE YOU?!

B-BIGGER THAN YOUR...

HE DEFINITELY HAS A...YOU KNOW. ***AND*** IT'S BIGGER THAN MINE.

HERE. I GOT SOME DRINKS.

I'LL JUST SHARE YOURS.

I'M ALL RIGHT.

THANKS. WAIT... WHERE'S YOURS, ROSTI?

HAVE SOME OF *MINE.*

BZZT

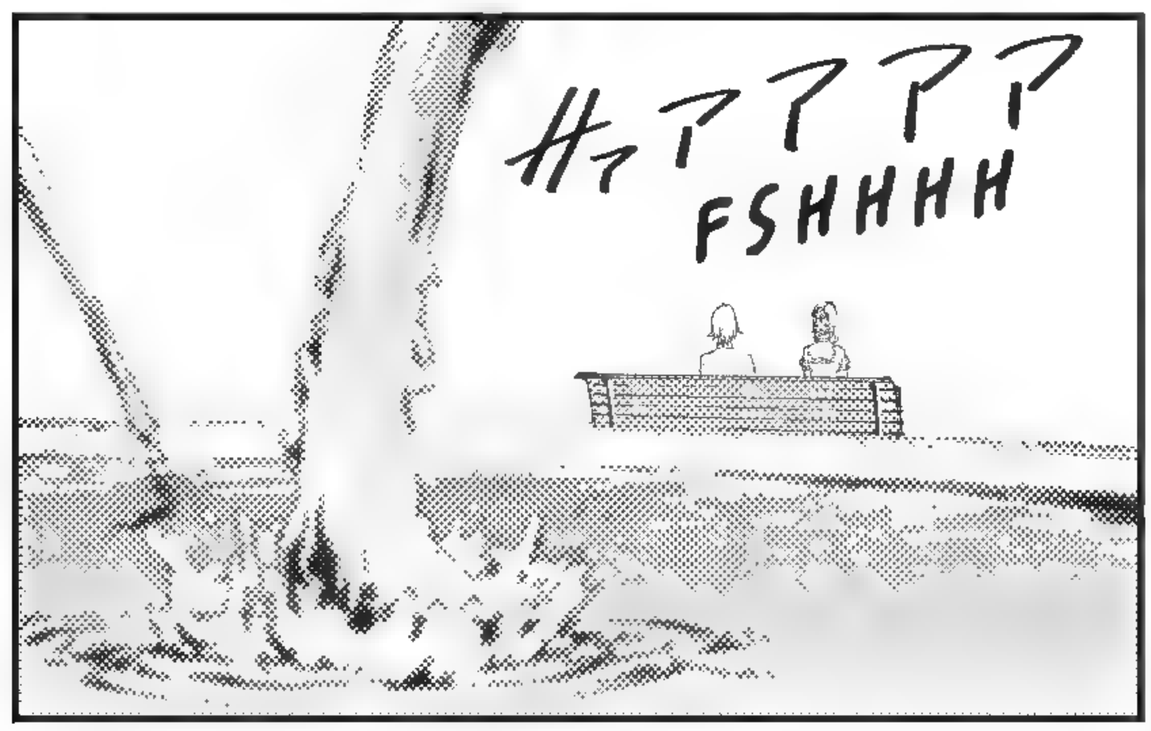
BZZT

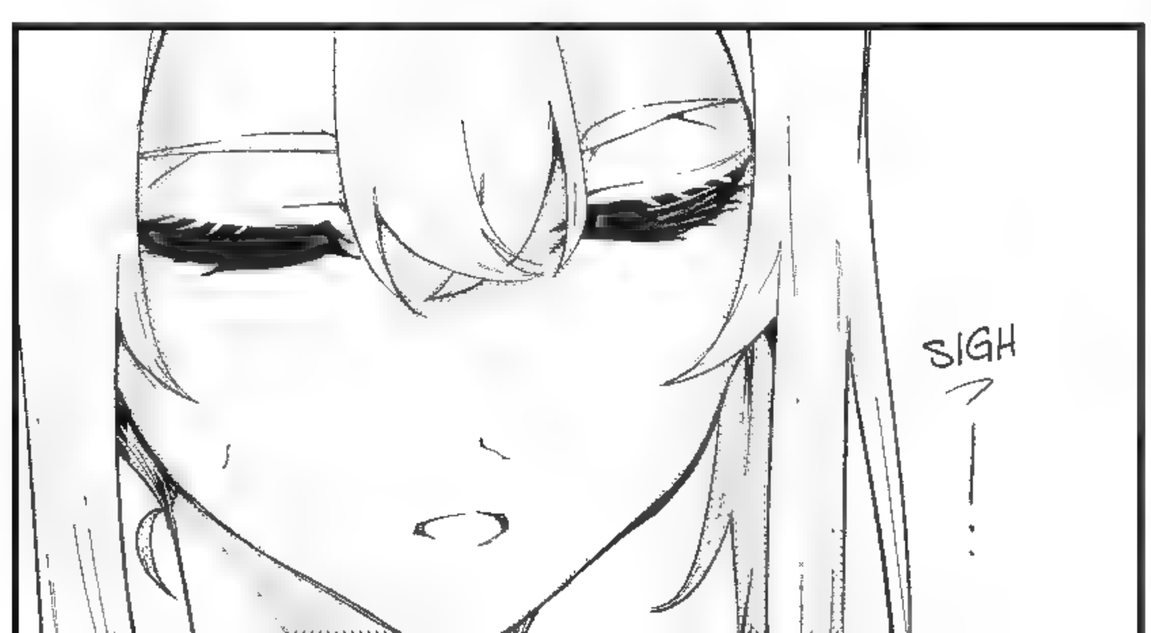
...

...WILL, DON'T YOU NEED TO GET YOUR SWORD LOOKED AT? WHY DON'T YOU GO ON AHEAD?

WHAT? BUT–

PLEASE? THE DWARVES WON'T BE TOO HAPPY HAVING A COUPLE OF MAGES LIKE US AROUND THEIR FORGE.





YOU'RE NOT IMAGINING IT.

AM I IMAGINING IT, OR DO YOU THINK OF WILL AS MORE THAN JUST A FRIEND?

...OKAY, I'LL JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT.

I LIKE WILL MORE THAN ANYONE.

WHA–

IN FACT...

...I LIKE WILL EVEN MORE THAN YOU DO, COLETTE.

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GRRRRR

OH, I KNOW. BUT I'M GUESSING YOU'VE NEVER TAKEN A BATH WITH HIM, RIGHT?

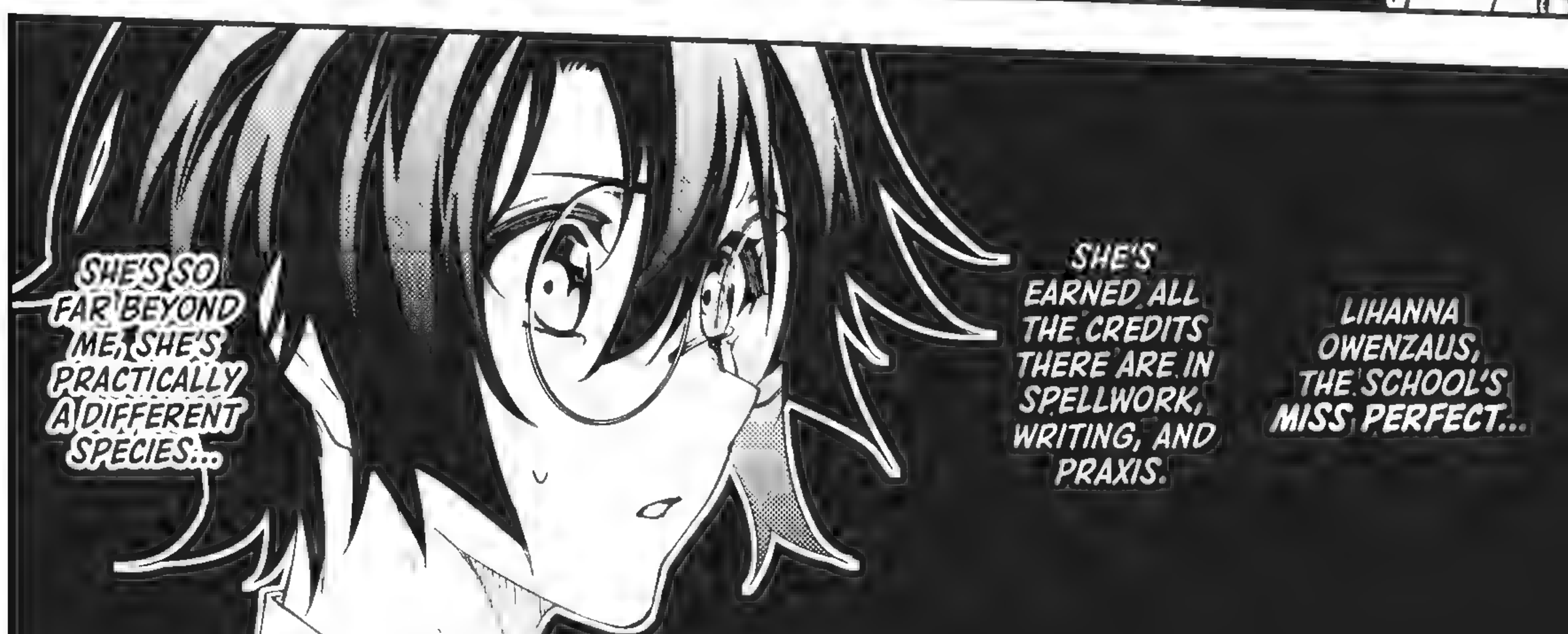
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WILL AND I USED TO HUG ALL THE TIME UNTIL ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO (BUT LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT PART).

BZZT

BZZT

Mrow...
THEY WERE BOTH ACTING KIND OF ODD... DO THEY NOT LIKE EACH OTHER OR SOMETHING?
HUH? YOU'RE...
WILL SERFORT.

LIHANNA?!


SHE'S SO FAR BEYOND ME, SHE'S PRACTICALLY A DIFFERENT SPECIES...
SHE'S EARNED ALL THE CREDITS THERE ARE IN SPELLWORK, WRITING, AND PRAXIS.
LIHANNA OWENZAUS, THE SCHOOL'S MISS PERFECT...

DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT? IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.

DID... YOU NEED SOME-THING?

FOLLOW ME.

NOD

KA-CHAK

I WANT THE FIVE OF US TO FORM A PARTY FOR A DUNGEON DIVE.
IT'S THE FINAL TERM OF OUR LAST YEAR AT THE ACADEMY, WHICH MEANS IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS.
Will Serfort
Credits: 5,405
"Book Learner"
Wignall Lindor
Credits: 10,075
"The Great Elfmage"
Julius Reinberg
Credits: 10,048
"Frost Fiend"
"Serfort Killer 2"
Sion Ulster
Credits: 9,889
"Flame Fiend"
"Serfort Killer"
Lihanna Owenzaus
Credits: 10,100
"Miss Perfect"

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THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS.

Chapter 12: Dungeon Dive!

WITH GRADUATION EXAMS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, IT'S NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS PRAXIS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A STUDENT CAN ASCEND THE TOWER.

BA-
BAM

LIHANNA... WHAT'S GOING ON? DO YOU WANT ME TO PUT HIM OVER ICE FOR YOU?

WHAT'S THE FLUNKEE DOING HERE?!

HIM?!

WHY WOULD YOU BRING ME HERE, LIHANNA?!

...THESE ARE THE TWO PEOPLE WHO HATE ME THE MOST IN THE WORLD!

UHH...

IS SHE THAT OBLIVIOUS?!

Was she always like this?!

...IS THAT A NO?

DON'T IGNORE ME!

HEY!

WHOOSH

WHAAA?!

WHEN DID YOU MAGES BECOME AS BARBARIC AS THE DWARVES?

ILLUSION MAGIC...! A UNIQUE TYPE OF MAGIC GRANTED ONLY TO THE ELVES THAT LETS THEM CALL UP FANTASTICAL SCENES!

Psh.

FLEURIA.

WHAT SAY WE HEAR LIHANNA OUT FIRST?

...IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS.

AS I ALREADY EXPLAINED...

Hi-hi-hi~
BOO HOO HOO
I DON'T WANT TO BE IN A PARTY WITH HIM, EITHER!
ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVEN'T JUST BEEN DAZZLED BY HIS LITTLE PERFORMANCE AT THE MAGIC FESTIVAL?
DRAGGING AROUND A BOY WHO CAN'T EVEN USE SEARCH WILL ONLY SLOW US DOWN.
I QUESTION YOUR JUDGMENT, LIHANNA.
WHO ARE YOU TO LOOK DOWN ON SOMEONE WHO DEFEATED YOU? IT'S REALLY QUITE PETTY.
ALL THIS MEANINGLESS PRIDE AND ANIMOSITY...
IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU TWO ARE JUST BITTER ABOUT LOSING TO HIM.
HE HAS THE BRUTE STRENGTH OF A DWARF AND THE AGILITY OF A MONSTER.
WHAT?!

NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.

...BUT HIS SWORD BESTED YOUR WANDS.

HE MAY NOT HAVE A HINT OF REFINEMENT...

AND IF SHE SEES SOMETHING IN THE NO-TALENT, THEN I'M INCLINED TO RESPECT *HIM*, TOO...

INDEED I AM, WHICH IS WHY I RESPECT HER OPINION.

...O NOBLE ELF?

...YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. AREN'T YOU STILL BEHIND LIHANNA IN CREDITS...

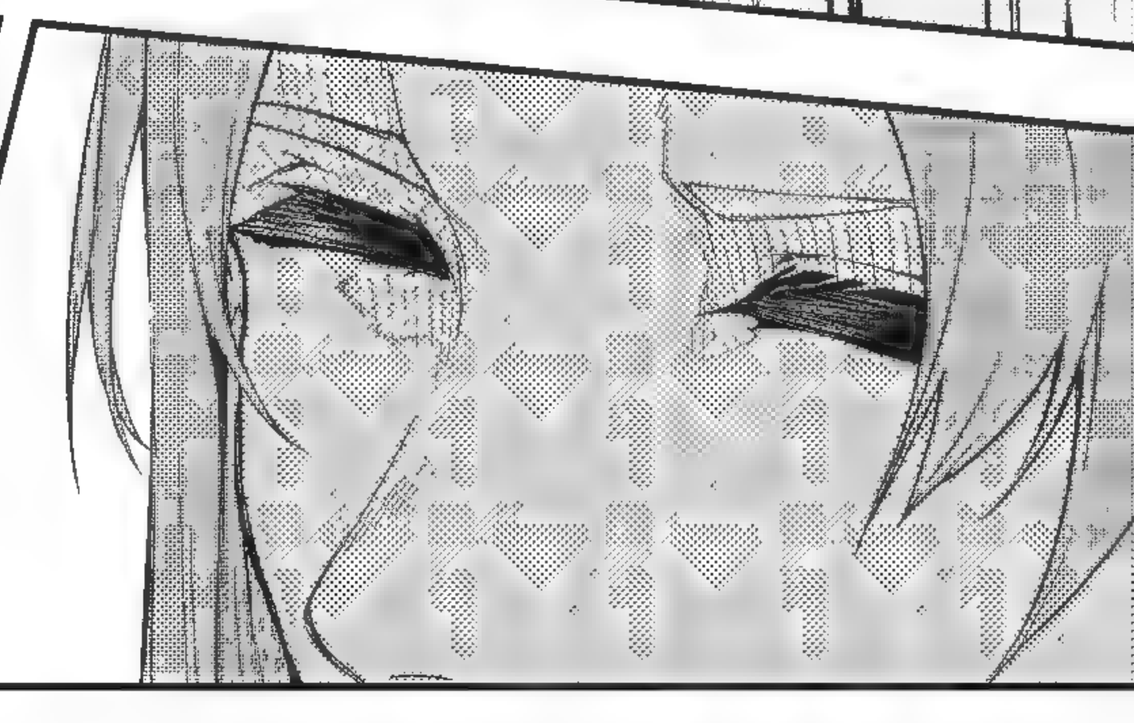
ガルルル GRRR

...UNLIKE THE TWO OF YOU.

ガルルル GRRR

I WANT TO BE THE BEST IN OUR YEAR WHEN I ASCEND THE TOWER, AND ALL OF YOU ARE GOING TO HELP ME DO THAT.

BECAUSE FRANKLY, ANY STUDENTS WHO DON'T MAKE IT TO THE TOWER ARE *LEFTOVERS.* THEY'RE INFERIOR.



INFERIOR...?

SIMPLY ASCENDING THE TOWER WON'T BE ENOUGH.

IF I'M TO PREVENT MY FAMILY'S RUIN, I NEED TO DELIVER OVERWHELMING RESULTS.

I'M AN OWENZAUS... AND THE OWENZAUS GENERALLY DIE YOUNG.

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BECOME A MAGIA VANDER.

GASP

SURELY I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE WITH A DREAM HERE.

IF YOU SEE ANY MERIT IN THIS...THEN TAKE ONE OF THESE COINS IN FRONT OF YOU AND PLACE IT IN THE GOBLET.

DO I REALLY HAVE A CHOICE? I NEED MORE CREDITS...

...HMPH.

I AGREE, OF COURSE. FORMING A PARTY WITH THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY WILL GIVE US THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

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I...

OH! WILL!

YOU WEREN'T AT THE FORGE, SO WE WENT LOOKING FOR YOU...

WHERE WERE YOU?!

...WILL?

ROSTI...

COLETTE.

ABOUT THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS...I'LL BE JOINING LIHANNA'S PARTY.

MROW!

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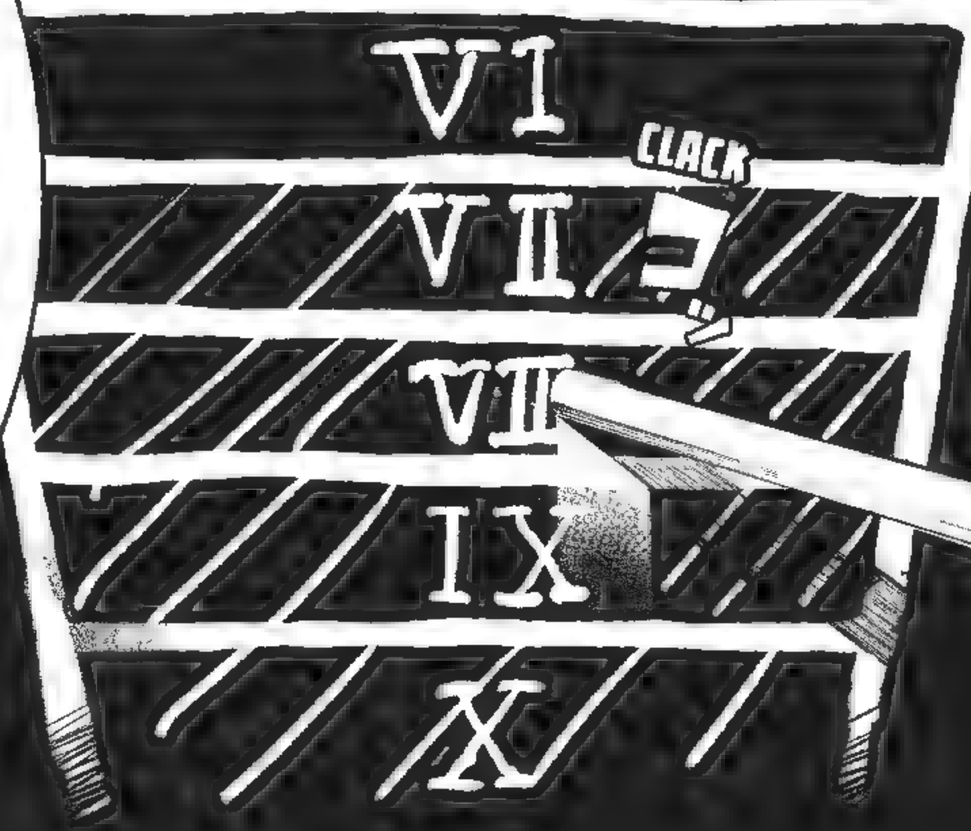
JANGLE

AS YOU ALL KNOW...

...THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS WILL BEGIN IN TEN DAYS.

FLOORS SEVEN THROUGH TEN OF THE DUNGEON WERE PREVIOUSLY OFF LIMITS TO YOU. THOSE FLOORS WILL NOW BE UNLOCKED...

...ENABLING YOU TO FIGHT OVER-FIVE ENEMIES AND OTHER HIGH-CREDIT MONSTERS.



THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND CREDITS AT A TIME.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE UP FOR ANY MISSING CREDITS...AND IF YOU'RE HOPING TO ASCEND THE TOWER, IT'S A CHANCE TO REALLY MAKE YOUR MARK.

FLOOR KEEPERS ARE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE. IF YOU DEFEAT ANY OF THESE, YOU'LL EARN A LARGE NUMBER OF CREDITS.

IN THEORY, YOU CAN EARN FULL PRAXIS CREDITS THROUGH THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, SOME OF YOU WILL DIE.

TEACHERS ARE STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE DUNGEON DURING THE PRAXIS, BUT THAT HAS NEVER STOPPED THE LESS PREPARED FROM MEETING A MISERABLE END.

LAST YEAR, FOUR STUDENTS WERE EATEN BY MONSTERS.

ACT RASHLY, AND YOU WON'T LEAVE THE DUNGEON.

FORGET ABOUT PLAYING THE HERO.

WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IS NOT HOW BADLY YOU WISH TO BECOME A MAGIA VANDER.

IT'S THE GOOD SENSE TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT THAT SPECIAL.

THE ACADEMY HAS SET A DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS...
Logwell — Fire Faction Aide

...LORD CARIOTT.

Cariott Incindia Wiseman
Magia Vander

THERE'S NO NEED TO REPORT EVERY LITTLE DETAIL, LOGWELL.

I DON'T EXACTLY RELISH FILLING IN AS SPEAKER FOR THE VANDER, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

AND THE ICE VANDER IS INDOLENT.

THE ELF IS PRIDEFUL.

THE THUNDER VANDER IS INDULGENT.

ONLY A VANDER FROM THE FIRE FACTION SUCH AS YOURSELF IS FIT TO FILL THAT SEAT.

OUR DEAR LEADER STILL HASN'T RETURNED?

NO, LORD MASTERIAS IS STILL ABROAD.

HONESTLY...

WE ALL KNOW THIS BARRIER WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER.

COLETTE...

W-WELL WHY NOT?! IF WILL'S GOING, THEN SO AM I!

...I DON'T REMEMBER INVITING YOU TO JOIN US.

I WILL!

BE CAREFUL, OKAY?

THAT'S OKAY, ROSTI! YOU ALREADY MADE PLENTY OF MAGIC ITEMS FOR ME!

SORRY I CAN'T GO WITH YOU.

THE ARTIFICERS ARE STUCK IN THE BASE CAMP FOR NOW.

SNAP

Dungeon, 6th Floor
—Near the entrance to the 7th floor—
Regarden Base Camp

Day of the All-Student Praxis

So this is the big base camp they set up for the All-Student Praxis!

Ooohh!

IT'S TIME.

WELCOME TO THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS...

...THE FIELD INTENSIVE.

UNLIKE AN ORDINARY PRAXIS, THIS IS A SURVIVAL EXERCISE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE DUNGEON.

YOU HAVE ONE WEEK.

WE'VE SET UP BASE CAMPS ON EACH FLOOR. MAKE SURE TO LOCATE THEM ON THE MAPS YOU WERE ISSUED.

IF YOU FINISH THE PRAXIS OR CHOOSE TO WITHDRAW, MAKE SURE TO GET TO SAFETY. THE TEACHERS WILL BE STANDING BY.

...let the All-Student Praxis begin!
And now...
I'LL DO WHAT I NEED TO DO HERE...
...AND MAKE IT TO ELFIE, NO MATTER WHAT!
WIGNALL, YOU'RE UP!
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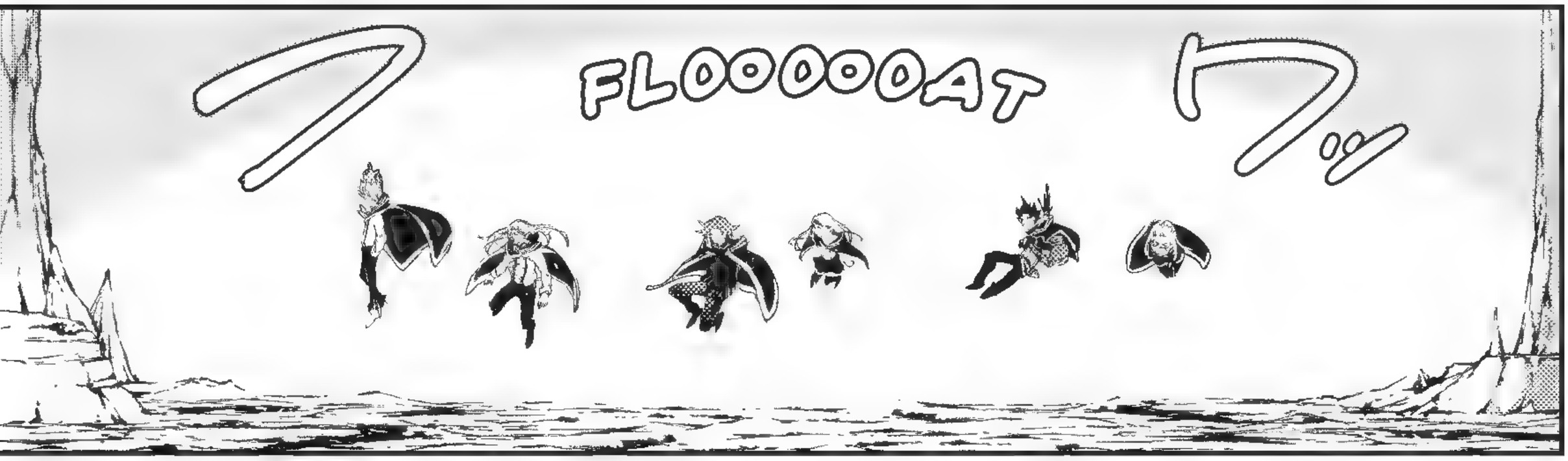
FLOOOOOAT

SHAKE
WELL, SHALL WE?
CRUMPLE
STUMP
ARGH!
MROW!
EEK!
THUD

BOOOM

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EEK

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...A CRIMSON ANT SWARM?! WE JUST GOT HERE!

GRAB

MAGES DON'T DO WELL IN CLOSE COMBAT! I'LL HAVE TO GO OUT IN FRONT AND BE THEIR SHIELD!

WHAT?

NO NEED.

DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT HOUSE OWENZAUS?

GASP

BZZZT

BZZZT

THEY'RE A LINE OF KNIGHTS.

ROAR, O THUNDER SPIRITS, AS I FACE MY FOE.

OWEN SIQUE...
...LISOLDE DUA!
BZZT

BZZT
BZZT
PLOP
PLOP

EXACTLY. LIHANNA IS A SPECIALIST IN CLOSE-QUARTERS BATTLE MAGIC. THAT'S A RARE SKILL AMONG MAGES.

AN AGILITY ENCHANT-MENT...

LET'S KEEP GOING SO WE CAN STAY AHEAD OF THEM.

I'D RATHER AVOID FIGHTING OVER CREDITS WITH THE OTHER PARTIES.

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GULP

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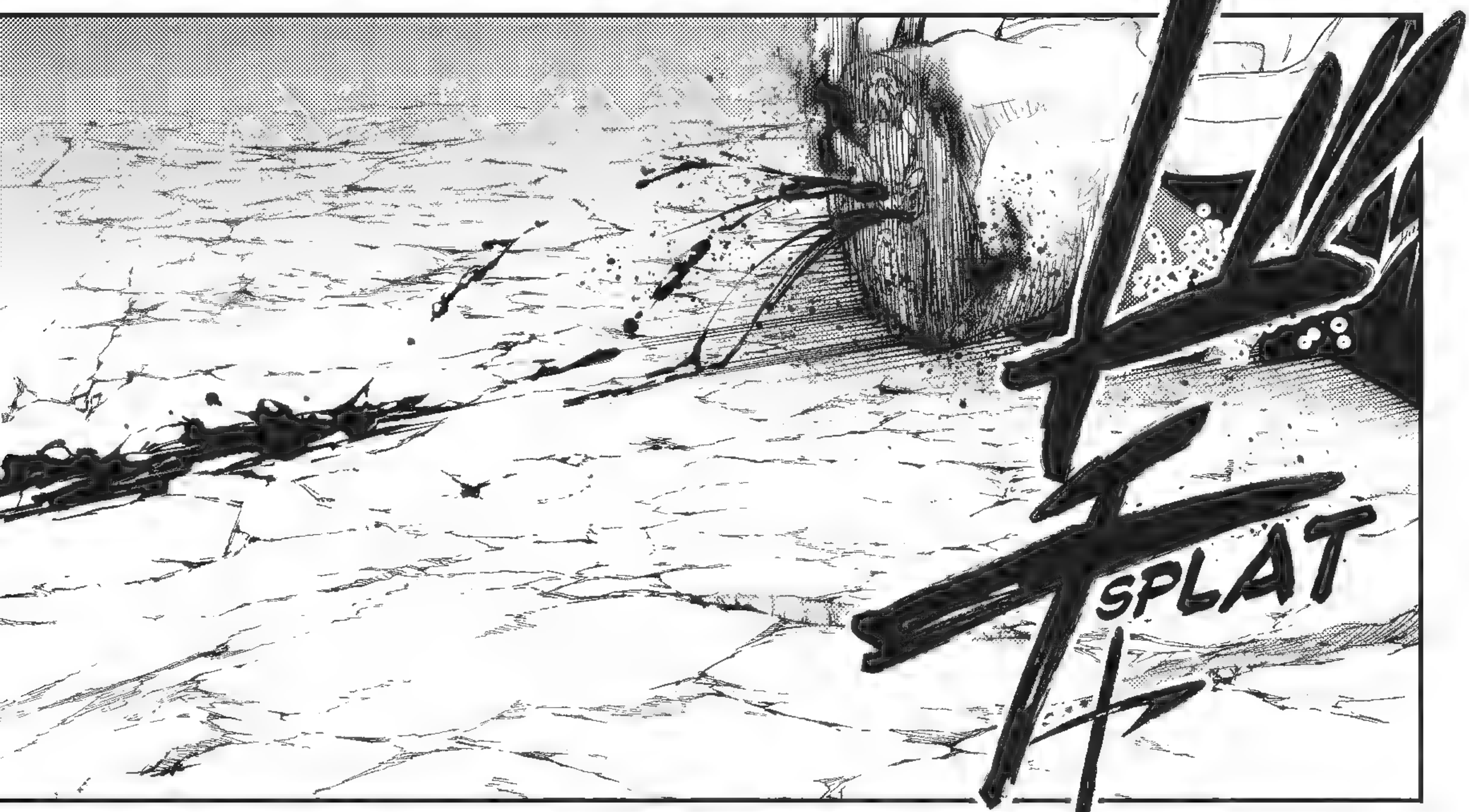
UGH... THAT BASTARD.

NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT RUNNING INTO A BUNCH OF BRATS OUT ON A SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
URGH!

"GO GET THE GOODS," HE SAYS... "THERE'LL BE NO ONE AROUND," HE SAYS...
GUH


SPLAT

FINE... GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KILL 'EM ALL.
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PROFESSOR WORKNER Q&A!

Q. COULD YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE TOWER AND THE ADVANCEMENT PROCESS?

Mercedes Caulis, also known as the Tower, serves a dual purpose. As the home of the Upper Institute, our highest seat of learning, the Tower stands at the forefront of magical research. It also serves as a fortress in defense of our world. The mighty Magia Vander reside in the upper levels of the Tower.

To advance to the Upper Institute, students at Regarden Magical Academy must either invent a new spell or earn at least 7,200 credits. Those who succeed in advancing are recognized as High Mages, while Ascendants, or those who reach the highest floor of the Tower, earn the right to become a Magia Vander.

As in the case of a rare prodigy like Elfaria, students may be singled out for ascension while still enrolled at the academy. However, such cases are few and far between.

Q. HOW MANY CREDITS DOES THE ACADEMY OFFER, AND HOW ARE THEY DIVIDED UP?

Students can earn a maximum of 12,000 credits, which are broken down as follows:
- Writing (written exams): 3,600
- Spellwork (magical exercises, demonstrations): 4,800
- Praxis (defeating dungeon monsters): 3,600

You would be correct in assuming that the reason more points are awarded for spellwork is to help the Upper Institute identify promising students. The Upper Institute is always on the lookout for mages with the most polished magical abilities to assist in their research.

It's worth noting that students must earn 1,000 credits annually in order to advance to the next year at the academy. In other words, you need 2,000 credits to become a third year, 3,000 to become a fourth year, etc. If your only goal is to graduate from the academy, you only need to earn 6,000 credits. This should be enough to give you a wide range of job opportunities, even if you don't intend to continue on to the Upper Institute.

...There is a certain "problem child" who hopes to ascend the Tower on writing and praxis credits alone. As he is unable to earn any spellwork credits, he must earn every other credit he can. **I'm so worried, I can't help spying on him**... I mean, never mind. Forget I said anything.

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AND YOU

ROSTI NAUMAN

Race: Lyzance
Age: 16
Height: 5'7"

Birthday: 10th of Hallasmoon
(July 10th, in our world)

Likes: Everything about Will Serfort

Dislikes: · Fire
· Flame spells

First love: Will Serfort

Lowest dungeon floor reached: 7th

Equipment: Gear wand

Specialty: Crafting magic items

A skilled magical artificer and Will's roommate. His boundless affection for Will is enough to make Colette nervous. While lacking any natural gift for artificing, he has become a great talent and often devises various magical items under the pretense of making them for Will.

JULIUS REINBERG

Race: Lyzance
Age: 16
Height: 5'9"

Birthday: 23rd of Radelmoon
(February 23rd, in our world)

Likes: · Chilled cream of potato soup
· Raspberry sherbet

Dislikes: Peppers

First love: The family maid
(ended in heartbreak)

Lowest dungeon floor reached: 6th

Equipment: · Bluemirror wand
· Talisman given to him by a certain maid

Specialty: · Low- to mid-level ice magic
· El One: Ars Weiss*

An ice mage and one of the top three students in Will's year. He is a typical noble, with pride and self-assurance to spare. Since the incident at the Magic Festival, he has been forced to work at Gina's bar.

*Albeit in an imperfect form inferior to the original.

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